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Dear Interested Party,

Enclosed please find the draft Decision Memo describing the proposed Forest Plan Amendment to replace the Heritage Resources Standard and add two Guidelines as follows:

Standard

1. Utilize the current *Programmatic Agreement among the USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding Heritage Program Management on National Forests in the State of Alaska* and the Memorandum of Understanding for the Squilantnu Archaeological District between the Chugach National Forest, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, and the Cook Inlet Region Incorporated (CIRI) or revert to the standard Section 106 process (36 CFR §800).

Guidelines

1. Significant, or potentially significant, inventoried cultural resources are managed to achieve a "No Effect" or "No Adverse Effect" determination, in consultation with the SHPO and ACHP (36 CFR §800). Monitoring cultural resources during and after project implementation may be conducted to document cultural resource protection and condition. Management strives to achieve a "No Effect" determination.
2. Identified cultural resources are evaluated for their National Register eligibility. Cultural resources for which determinations of eligibility have not been made are managed as if they are eligible, unless consultation with the SHPO indicates otherwise.

The Forest will soon be publishing a legal notice in the Anchorage Daily News providing opportunity to object to this decision. Written objections will be accepted for 30 days from the date of publication. Written objections, including any attachments, must be submitted to the reviewing officer, Regional Forester, P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99802-1628, phone (907) 586-8863, fax (907) 586-7840. The Regional Office is open from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted to: appeals-alaska-regional-office@fs.fed.us and be in the body of the email, or in Microsoft Word, Rich Text Format (rtf), or Portable Document Format (pdf). Any person may object to a proposed amendment or revision prepared under 36 CFR §219. An objection must be filed within 30 days of the publication date of this legal notice. Objections must be filed with the reviewing officer and contain: (1) The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person filing the objection; (2) A specific statement of the basis for each objection; and (3) A description of the objector's participation in the planning process for the proposed amendment,



including a copy of any relevant documents submitted during the planning process. For electronically mailed objections, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of the objection, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.

Within 10 days after the close of the objection period, the Forest Supervisor will publish a legal notice of all objections. Objectors may request meetings with the reviewing officer and the Forest Supervisor to discuss the objection, to narrow the issues, agree on facts, and explore opportunities for resolution. The reviewing officer must allow other interested persons to participate in such meetings. An interested person must file a request to participate in an objection within 10 days after publication of the notice of objection as described above. The reviewing officer must respond, in writing, to an objection within a reasonable period of time and may respond to all objections in one response. The final Decision Memo approving the forest plan amendment must be consistent with the reviewing officer's response to objections and will not be subject to any additional administrative review procedures.

Additional information on the amendment or the objection process can be obtained from Sharon Randall; phone number (907) 743-9497; email address strandall@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Terri Marceron". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

TERRI MARCERON
Forest Supervisor